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(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to compounds capable of binding to the oncogene protein MDM2, processes for the preparation of such compounds, pharmaceutical preparations comprising such compounds, and uses of said compounds, e.g. in the therapeutic (including prophylactic) treatment of an animal or especially of the human body. The present invention further relates to methods of and compounds for inhibiting the growth of tumor cells which comprise the wild type p53 suppressor by interfering with the interaction between human p53 and human MDM2.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	WO 96 02642 A (UNIV DUNDEE ;PICKSLEY STEVEN MICHAEL (GB); LANE DAVID PHILIP (GB)) 1 February 1996 see page 3, line 20 - page 4, line 31 see example 3 see claims ---	1-18, 21-23
X	WO 93 20238 A (UNIV JOHNS HOPKINS) 14 October 1993 see claims 27-37 see the whole document ---	1-23 -/-

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X	S.M. PICKSLEY ET AL: "Immunochemical analysis of the interaction of p53 with MDM2" ONCOGENE, vol. 9, September 1994, pages 2523-2529, XP002058480 see page 2526 ---	1-10,12
X	J. LIN ET AL.: "Several hydrophobic amino acids in the p53 amino-terminal domain are required for transcriptional activation, binding to mdm-2 and the adenovirus 5 E1B 55-kD protein" GENES AND DEVELOPMENT, vol. 8, no. 10, May 1994, pages 1235-1246, XP002058481 see abstract see table 2 ---	1-10,12
P,X	V. BÖTTGER ET AL: "Identification of novel mdm2 binding peptides by phage display" ONCOGENE, XP002058482 see the whole document see page 2143, column 2, paragraph 4 - page 2143, paragraph 1; figure 5 ---	1-23
X	H. LEE ET AL: "Molecular characterisation of Nos-A" J. BACTERIOL., vol. 173, no. 17, September 1991, pages 5606-5413, XP002058483 * residues 462-471 * see figure 4 ---	3,6
X	WO 95 07934 A (CHIRON CORP) 23 March 1995 see page 3, line 30; claim 7 -----	6

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Claims Nos.: 1-9

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

In claims 1-2, the compounds are defined only by their capability to bind MDM2, feature not sufficient to allow a complete search.

In claims 2-9, the expression "derivatives thereof" is used in a too broad sense, consequently a complete search under Art 17(2) PCT was not possible. Therefore, the search has been directed to peptides as defined in claims 3-9, without taking in consideration any "derivative thereof".

Moreover, because of the high number of pertinent documents found in the prior art for the subject-matter of claim 6, only a few could be cited.

Remark : Although claims 17-22 and at least in part 10,12,13 and 23 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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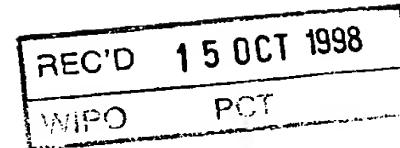
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 7 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-40 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-23 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

the entire international application.
 claims Nos. 1-9 (partially).

because:

the said international application, or the said claims Nos. relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

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- the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

- the claims, or said claims Nos. are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

 no international search report has been established for the said claims Nos. 1-9 (partially).

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 3-5, 7-9, 11, 16
	No:	Claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 12-15, 17-23
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 3-5, 7-9, 11, 16
	No:	Claims 1, 2, 6, 10, 12-15, 17-23
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-23 (see Section VII)
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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SECTION III -----

The international search has been restricted to compounds as defined in Claims 3-9 without taking into consideration "derivatives" of said compounds for the reason that said expression introduces an unlimited number of possibilities and as such renders the scope of the claims indefinite and unclear. Accordingly, the preliminary examination is restricted to subject-matter for which a search has been performed, i.e. no examination on "derivatives" of the claimed compounds is performed.

SECTION V -----

1. The present application relates to compounds which are capable of binding to MDM2 and specifically inhibiting or blocking the binding of MDM2 to the p53 protein, the compound being a peptide which comprises the amino acid motif of formula (I).

2. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: WO - A - 96/02642

D2: WO - A - 9320238

D3: WO - A 95/07934

3. **Novelty (Art. 33(2) PCT):**

3.1. The subject-matter of Claims 1 and 2 is not novel with regard to D1. D1 discloses peptides which are able to disrupt or prevent the binding of between p53 and MDM2. The peptides are between 4 and 10 amino acids long and comprise the sequence motif FxxLW. Since the compounds defined in Claims 1 and 2 are only defined by functional features, the peptides of D1 fall under the scope of said claims. The same objection also applies to Claims 10, 12-15 and 17, insofar as they depend on any of Claims 1 or 2.

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3.2. The subject-matter of Claims 18-21 and 23 relates to a method for inducing growth arrest or apoptosis in tumor cells, resp. of treating or preventing a hyperproliferative disease, which does not necessarily make use of any of the peptides of Claims 1-9. Therefore, an objection to lack of unity of invention could be raised. However, since no such objection has been raised in the search report and since the subject-matter of said claims lacks novelty with regard to D2 and D1, the IPEA decided not to raise the objection.

The subject-matter of Claims 18-23 concerns methods for inducing growth arrest or apoptosis in tumour cells comprising inhibiting the interaction of MDM2 and p53, resp. a method of treating a hyperproliferative disease.

D2 discloses a method for treating neoplastic cells wherein expression of the MDM2 gene is inhibited by administering antisense oligonucleotides or triple-strand forming oligonucleotides. In addition, p53-derived peptides and DNA encoding such peptides can be administered to tumour cells (see D2, page 10, last paragraph to page 12, first paragraph and Claims 27-29 and 33-40). D2 is therefore regarded as being novelty-destroying for the subject-matter of Claims 18-21 and of Claim 22, insofar as it depends on Claim 2.

D1 provides a method for inhibiting the growth of tumour cells which comprises administering to a tumour cell a DNA molecule encoding an MDM2-binding peptide. The subject-matter of Claims 21 and 22 (insofar as it depends on Claim 2) is therefore not regarded as novel with view to D1.

A method for the treatment of cancer by administering a compound which interferes with the interaction of p53 and MDM2 is also described in D1, see page 11, lines 19-31. Thus, the subject-matter of Claim 23 is anticipated by D1.

3.3. Claim 6 is directed to a peptide of Claim 3 which comprises at least 8 consecutive amino acids of formula (I). D3 discloses peptides which were shown to inhibit IL8 binding to its receptor. At least one of said peptides, namely that shown in Claim 7, comprises eight consecutive amino acids of the peptide having formula (I). It is likely that said peptide is capable of binding to MDM2. Claim 6 therefore lacks novelty with regard to D3.

3.4. Claims 3-5 and 7-9 are directed to peptides which are capable of inhibiting or blocking the binding of MDM2 to p53 and which comprise the amino acid motif of

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formula (I). Said motif contains an amino acid at position R3 which is different from Leu. Peptides derived from p53 which were used in the prior art to inhibit binding of MDM2 to p53 all contain Leu at the respective position. It has surprisingly been found by the present inventors that peptides wherein Leu is replaced by a different amino acid, preferably Tyr, show a significant increase in specific blocking activity over the wildtype p53 peptide sequence.

Claims directed to peptides which are defined by the amino acid sequence of formula (I) are therefore novel and inventive with regard to the prior art. The same applies to claims concerning uses and processes involving said peptides.

SECTION VII -----

For the assessment of the present Claims 13 and 17-23 on the question whether they are industrially applicable, no unified criteria exist in the PCT. The patentability can also be dependent upon the formulation of the claims. The EPO, for example, does not recognize as industrially applicable the subject-matter of claims to the use of a compound in medical treatment, but may allow, however, claims to a known compound for first use in medical treatment and the use of such a compound for the manufacture of a medicament for a new medical treatment.

SECTION VIII -----

1. Claims 1, 18 and 23 do not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The claims attempt to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying problem, instead of indicating the technical features which are necessary for achieving this result.
2. Claims 18-21 relate to a method for inducing growth arrest in tumor cells. Claims 19, 20 and 21 all include the term "further comprises", which means that the embodiments following said term in the claims are to be understood as additive embodiments. There is, however, no disclosure in the description and it does not seem to make technical sense that antibodies, triple strand forming

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oligonucleotides and DNA expressing a peptide capable of binding to MDM2 are administered at the same time to a cell. The subject-matter of said claims is therefore objected to under Articles 5 and 6 PCT.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 4-20937/A	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/EP 97/ 03549	International filing date (day/month/year) 04/07/1997	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 05/07/1996
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This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of **5** sheets.
 It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Certain claims were found unsearchable (see Box I).
2. Unity of Invention is lacking (see Box II).
3. The international application contains disclosure of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing
 - filed with the international application.
 - furnished by the applicant separately from the international application,
 - but not accompanied by a statement to the effect that it did not include matter going beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.
 - Transcribed by this Authority
4. With regard to the title,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:
5. With regard to the abstract,
 - the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.
 - the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this International Search Report, submit comments to this Authority.
6. The figure of the drawings to be published with the abstract is:

Figure No. _____

 - as suggested by the applicant.
 - because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 - because this figure better characterizes the invention.

None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.: because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
2. Claims Nos.: because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. Claims Nos.: because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.

No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

Claims Nos.: 1-9

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

In claims 1-2, the compounds are defined only by their capability to bind MDM2, feature not sufficient to allow a complete search.

In claims 2-9, the expression "derivatives thereof" is used in a too broad sense, consequently a complete search under Art 17(2) PCT was not possible. Therefore, the search has been directed to peptides as defined in claims 3-9, without taking in consideration any "derivative thereof".

Moreover, because of the high number of pertinent documents found in the prior art for the subject-matter of claim 6, only a few could be cited.

Remark : Although claims 17-22 and at least in part 10,12,13 and 23 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
 IPC 6 C07K14/47 C07K14/82 C12Q1/68 C12N15/11 A61K38/08

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
 IPC 6 C07K C12N A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 96 02642 A (UNIV DUNDEE ; PICKSLEY STEVEN MICHAEL (GB); LANE DAVID PHILIP (GB)) 1 February 1996 see page 3, line 20 - page 4, line 31 see example 3 see claims ---	1-18, 21-23
X	WO 93 20238 A (UNIV JOHNS HOPKINS) 14 October 1993 see claims 27-37 see the whole document ---	1-23 -/-

 Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C. Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority, claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

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X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	S.M. PICKSLEY ET AL: "Immunochemical analysis of the interaction of p53 with MDM2" ONCOGENE, vol. 9, September 1994, pages 2523-2529, XP002058480 see page 2526 ---	1-10,12
X	J. LIN ET AL.: "Several hydrophobic amino acids in the p53 amino-terminal domain are required for transcriptional activation, binding to mdm-2 and the adenovirus 5 E1B 55-kD protein" GENES AND DEVELOPMENT, vol. 8, no. 10, May 1994, pages 1235-1246, XP002058481 see abstract see table 2 ---	1-10,12
P,X	V. BÖTTGER ET AL: "Identification of novel mdm2 binding peptides by phage display" ONCOGENE, XP002058482 see the whole document see page 2143, column 2, paragraph 4 - page 2143, paragraph 1; figure 5 ---	1-23
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